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Headquarters

1. In May 1952, the headquarters of the 26 Brigade,¹ IV Corps, North Korean Army, was housed in 25 caves in a mountain west of Haktang-ni (125-22, 38-47) (YC-0695) at approximately 125-21, 38-47; YC-048947. The subordinate units of the 26 Brigade were deployed in the area of Yonggang-gun, Kangso-gun (125-26, 38-57) (YD-1114), P'yongwon-gun, and Chinnamp'o (125-24, 38-44) (YC-0989).
2. In early June, the headquarters of the 26 Brigade, with code number 264 and numbering 500 men, was approximately 2 kilometers northwest of Haktang-ni (125-22, 38-47) (YC-0695). The headquarters rear service department office was 300 meters north of Namdong-ni (125-21, 38-50) (YD-0400). The 26 Brigade numbered 7,500 men.
3. In May, the following units of the size noted were attached directly to the 26 Brigade Headquarters: a guard company, 107 men; a signal company, 105 men; a security platoon, 36 men; and a military band, 22 men.

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Commanding Officers

4. In May, the 26 Brigade was commanded by Senior Colonel SONG In-sop,¹ aged 30, a native of South P'yongan Province. The commander had five assistants: a chief of staff, three assistant brigade commanders, and the brigade Security Bureau commander.

Sections under the Chief of Staff

5. In May, the chief of staff was in charge of the following sections: Operations Section with 1 and 2 sections, ten men; Personnel Section, five men; Staff Member Section, four men; Confidential Affairs Section, two men; Communications Section, two men; and the Military Communications Section, two men.

Military Affairs Bureau

6. In May, an assistant brigade commander headed the Military Affairs Bureau and was in charge of the following units which were directly attached to the brigade headquarters: the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 Machine Gun Battalions, the 120-mm. Mortar Battalion, the Anti-tank Battalion,² the Anti-aircraft Battalion,² the Mobile Battalion, the Engineering Battalion, the Signal Company, the Patrol Company, and the Medical Station.

Supply Bureau

7. In May, an assistant brigade commander headed the Supply Bureau, which included the following sections: Provisions Section, eight men; Clothing Section, ten men; Transportation Section; Finance Section, three men; Supply Section, two men; Artillery Supply Section, composed of the Weapon Supply Center and the Weapon Repair Shop, seven men; Organization and Planning Section, four men; and the Guard Platoon.
8. In May, the Supply Bureau of the 26 Brigade had offices in a Korean style tile-roofed house north of Tongu-dong, at approximately 125-21, 38-50; YD-049009. The supply officer's post was on a mountain at approximately 125-21, 38-50; YD-035008. The Supply Bureau had warehouses at the following points: a food warehouse at approximately 125-22, 38-50; YD-047011, a fuel warehouse at approximately 125-22, 38-50; YD-049011, and an ammunition dump at approximately 125-22, 38-50; YD-049009.

Political Bureau

9. In May, an assistant brigade commander headed the Political Bureau which included the party chairman, the Democratic Youth Alliance chairman, a propaganda officer, and the Party Investigation Committee.

Security Bureau

10. In May, the Security Bureau of the 26 Brigade included a court of nine men, the Procurators' Office of twelve men, and the Security Platoon.

Medical Bureau

11. In May, the Medical Bureau of the 26 Brigade had a hospital in a tile roof house west of Sobu-ri in a mountain at approximately 125-20, 38-51; YD-030023. There were six barracks near the hospital.

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Artillery Battalions

12. During late May and early June, units of the 1 Artillery Battalion, 26 Brigade, numbering 700 men and equipped with 15 heavy and 25 light machine guns, were in trenches on a hill at approximately 125-24, 38-43; YC-079879, near Yondae-san (125-23, 38-43) (YC-0788), Chinnamp'o City.
13. During late May and early June, units of the 2 Artillery Battalion, 26 Brigade, numbering 500 men and equipped with 10 heavy guns and 7 heavy and 15 light machine guns, were in trenches on Hill-239 near Suil-li (125-17, 38-43) (XC-9887) at approximately 125-17, 38-44; XC-984894. The heavy guns were emplaced on the north side of Hill-239 and the heavy machine guns were on a hill 150 meters south of Hill-239.
14. During late May and early June, units of the 5 Artillery Battalion, 26 Brigade, numbering 800 men and armed with 20 large guns, 3 tanks, 15 heavy and 25 light machine guns, were in trenches in the center of a hill north of Nosang-ni (125-12, 38-50) (XD-9100).
15. During late May and early June, units of the 6 Artillery Battalion, 26 Brigade, numbering 500 men and armed with 15 heavy guns and 10 heavy and 20 light machine guns, were in trenches near Ansong-ni (125-13, 38-58) (XD-9215).
16. During late May and early June, units of an artillery battalion of the 26 Brigade, numbering 300 men and armed with 12 large guns, 3 tanks, and 8 heavy and 20 light machine guns, were in trenches on Hill-19, north of Hyangwan-ni (125-12, 38-48) (XC-9196). An additional 170 men of the same unit were on Hill-88, on the south coast of Kumch'on-ni (125-16, 38-22) (XC-9849).

Miscellaneous Units, 26 Brigade

17. During late May and early June, units of an automatic gun battalion, 26 Brigade, numbering 500 men and armed with 2 x 45-mm. anti-aircraft guns and 10 heavy and 20 light machine guns, were in trenches 300 meters north of Osansang-ni (125-22, 38-46) (YC-0693). This unit was in charge of defending the nearby coastal area.
18. During late May and early June, units of a mortar battalion headquarters, 26 Brigade, numbering 200 men and armed with 20 mortars, were west of Sinam-ni (125-17, 38-44) (YC-9889) at approximately 125-17, 38-44; XC-978895. One company of this battalion was on Hill-104 at approximately 125-15, 38-43; XC-963877 and another company was at approximately 125-15, 38-44; XC-956891.
19. In late April and early May, an infantry unit of the 26 Brigade, numbering 500 men and armed with 10 anti-aircraft guns, 4 anti-aircraft machine guns, 3 Maxim heavy machine guns, and 10 light machine guns, were deployed in a valley between Taehyongje-san (125-40, 39-04) (YD-3127) and Sohyongje-san (125-41, 39-05) (YD-3229) in a trench at Sa-ri (125-40, 39-04) (YD-3127). The trench was 4 meters wide and 1 mile long, and was covered by pine trees.
20. In May, the headquarters of the Gun Battalion, 26 Brigade, was half way up a mountain in a cave at approximately 125-15, 38-44; XC-956891. The battalion maintained an observation post at approximately 125-15, 38-44; XC-957890, and the supply bureau was in an isolated tile-roofed house near Muhang-ni at approximately 125-17, 38-43; XC-979895. The battalion has been at its present location since September 1951.

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21. In early June, units of a motorized artillery unit of the 26 Brigade were deployed as follows: 100 men with 5 artillery pieces at Chaeryong-ni (125-14, 38-44) (XC-9489); 30 men with 3 artillery pieces at approximately 125-14, 38-44; XC-939890; 30 men with 3 artillery pieces at approximately 125-14, 38-44; XC-9589; 8 men with 1 artillery piece at approximately 125-14, 38-44; XC-946884; 30 men with 3 artillery pieces at approximately 125-14, 38-43; XC-936877; 4 artillery pieces at approximately 125-15, 38-43; XC-957877; 3 artillery pieces at approximately 125-15, 38-44; XC-970899; and 8 men with 2 heavy machine guns at approximately 125-14, 38-43; XC-9588.
22. In late April, units of the 26 Brigade, numbering approximately 1,000 men, were near Kangso-gun (125-26, 38-57) (YD-1114).

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Comment. These units were disbanded and the members put in the Mobile Battalion.

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